

PIC Upgrade Frequently Asked Questions

Data Validation

- Q. How would PHAs correct errors if there are no fatal errors?
A. The files would be accepted without fatal errors; however, the system would send back a summary of needed corrections to the PHA.
- Q. How does acceptance of records with fatal errors affect SEMAP scoring?
A. Until an error gets completely resolved, that tenant's record may not be included in SEMAP calculations.
- Q. How would you distinguish between files with errors vs. non-error files?
A. Form 50058 records will still be validated against the technical reference guide. A microstratgy report is planned to show outstanding errors.
- Q. What is the incentive for agencies to fix errors if there are no fatals?
A. Funding may be withheld if errors are not corrected.
- Q. How interested are you in preserving incorrect records that were submitted?
A. Just to analyze type/frequency of errors for training purposes.
- Q. Can we query the database to find out if a tenant is already assisted elsewhere?
A. We are looking at adding this function in one of the first releases.
- Q. On a link for historical data in PIC, can you click on it and have a button to void it?
A. We are exploring eliminating voids and allowing corrections to previously submitted 50058s.

Modules

- Q. How does the project impact the form 50058?
A. We do not plan to change the form 50058 or 50058 MTW at this time, but in the future we may conform forms 50058 and 50059.
- Q. Can we do historical reporting instead of just real time?
A. Yes, there will be historical reports built into business intelligence.
- Q. Is there a long term plan to make it easier to submit data for multifamily?
A. There have been preliminary talks to conform the forms 50058 and 50059.
- Q. How would you streamline the process for submitting a change in Head of Household when a spouse passes away?
A. We are examining creating a household ID, so it would just be an head of household change within an existing ID.

Q. How would we notify other PHAs of port-outs?

A. We will continue to support action codes 4 and 5 for HCV portability.

Data Exchange

Q. Will there be an interface between HUD and PHAs? For example, 2-way interface to show which records have been submitted, which have errors, or which have not been submitted.

A. Yes, that is the overall goal of the new system.

Q. What will the EIV interface be with the new PIC?

A. No changes to EIV are planned; the new PIC system will still talk to EIV.

Q. Why can't we kill VMS?

A. That is the long term goal.

Q. How would a PHA get reimbursed for non-50058 related expenses if we kill VMS?

A. The details are being worked out with the Housing Choice Voucher business office.

System Roll-out

Q. Are you using test groups? If so, will they be large or small PHAs?

A. Yes, we plan to test with a mixture of large and small PHAs pending consideration of OMB Paperwork Reduction act.

Q. How long and from where is HUD funded for this initiative?

A. HUD's Office of Chief Information Officer has made a commitment to support the infrastructure of this initiative. Programming will be performed by government employees (staff are already on board).